

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Application No.: 10/806,424

Atty Docket No.: Q80611

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants have amended claim 2 to change the term "using the betaine compound for the preparation of the ink" to --preparing an ink containing the betaine compound--. Applicants have amended claim 3 to change the term "using the ink stock solution for the preparation of the ink" to --preparing an ink containing the ink stock solution--. Applicants have made such amendments to improve the readability of claims 2 and 3. In addition, applicants have amended claim 14 to improve its formatting.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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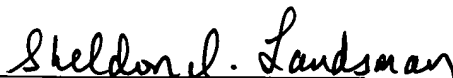
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